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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 12, 2006, and the Response filed October 5, 2006, Applicant's attorney submits the enclosed additional "Remarks" in support of patentability.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.